

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES

OF

LEGISLATORS

AND

STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Counties.—Grayson and Cooke.

SENATOR WILLIAM BLASSINGAME is a native of South Carolina, in which State he grew up and was educated. Having gone through the hardships of the war, and seeing his State humbled, he came to Texas in May, 1865, and settled in Grayson county.

Professionally, Mr. Blassingame is a physician, but he is now occupied in farming. He is an influential member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and is a past master of a subordinate Grange. In politics he is a Democrat. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1875, and was regarded as a most conscientious and painstaking member of that body. He secured and deserves the confi-

dence of his people, and, receiving the nomination of the district Democratic convention, was elected to the State Senate by over 1000 majority. He is chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and is a hard worker on several other committees.

In person, Mr. Blassingame is of ordinary size ; he is an excellent citizen ; is forty years old ; married, and resides at Sandusky, in Grayson county.